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1. Health and Human Services Offers \$25 Million in Bioterror Training Grants

Health centers, professional organizations and schools can apply for their share of \$25.5 million in grant money for bioterrorism training. The grant program is being administered by the Department of Health and Human Services' Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA). The goal of this program is the development of a health care workforce with knowledge, skills, abilities and core competencies to: (1) recognize indications of a terrorist event; (2) meet the acute care needs of patients in a safe and appropriate manner; (3) participate in a coordinated, multidisciplinary response to terrorist events and other public health emergencies; and (4) rapidly and effectively alert the public health system of such an event at the community, state, and national level. The application deadline is April 5, 2005. For more information, visit <http://www.grants.gov> <<http://www.grants.gov/>> and query for CFDA Number 93.996 or Announcement Number HRSA-05-080.

2. HHS Announces Availability of Trauma-EMS Systems Program Grants

The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) on Oct. 29, 2004, announced the availability of the Trauma-Emergency Medical Services Systems Program Grants. Funds received under the grant are to be used for: (1) state trauma care system planning, coordination, and

facilitation of statewide trauma regions; (2) statewide/regional/local assessments and/or evaluations; (3) trauma data collection and usage; (4) developing innovative uses of communications technologies and the use of new communications technology; (5) developing model curricula for training EMS services personnel, trauma managers, trauma nurses, surgeons and trauma center teams in assessment, stabilization, treatment, preparation for transport, and resuscitation of seriously injured patients; (6) making training for original certification, and continuing education, in the provision and management of trauma services more accessible to medical/surgical personnel in rural areas; (7) developing innovative protocols and agreements to increase access to pre-hospital care and equipment necessary for the transportation of seriously injured patients to the appropriate facilities; (8) evaluating the effectiveness of protocols with respect to trauma care services and systems; and (9) public information and education related to trauma prevention, care and statewide services. The application deadline is March 15, 2005. For more information, visit <http://www.grants.gov> <<http://www.grants.gov/>> and query for Announcement Number HRSA-05-009 or CFDA Number 93.952.

3. NASEMSD Represented at Disaster Management eGov Initiative Meeting

The Disaster Management eGov Initiative (DM) was established by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). Kevin McGinnis represented NASEMSD at the Nov. 3, 2004, practitioner planning session. The purpose of the meeting was to create a practitioner-driven strategic vision for information sharing around incident management. This was the first step in establishing the DM program as a practitioner-driven effort. For information, visit <http://www.DisasterHelp.gov> <<http://www.disasterhelp.gov/>> . Members can contact Kevin McGinnis at k.mcginis@adelphia.net <<mailto:k.mcginis@adelphia.net>> .

4. AHA, ILCOR Seek Input for 2005 CPR, ECC Guidelines

The American Heart Association (AHA) and International Liaison Committee on Resuscitation (ILCOR) will collect public comments to help them develop an international consensus document and treatment recommendations for cardiopulmonary resuscitation and emergency cardiovascular care. The organizations will post more than 250 scientific evidence evaluation worksheets for review at <http://www.c2005.org> <<http://www.c2005.org/>> from Dec. 1, 2004, to Jan. 23, 2005. Each worksheet addresses a specific scientific resuscitation topic. AHA encourages EMS input into the guidelines process.

5. Some States Requiring AEDs in Physical Fitness Facilities

The International Health, Racquet and Sportsclub Association (IHRSA) has posted information on its Web site (<http://www.ihrsa.org> [<http://www.ihrsa.org/>](http://www.ihrsa.org/)) concerning legislation in several governmental jurisdictions. According to IHRSA, four states (Illinois, Louisiana, New York and Rhode Island) have passed legislation that requires placement of AEDs in physical fitness facilities. The IHRSA Web site also identifies New Jersey and Michigan as states that are considering similar legislation. California may consider the same type of legislation in the next session. These legislative initiatives could provide templates for advocates of Public Access Defibrillation programs in other jurisdictions.

6. HHS Announces Emergency Medical Services for Children Network Development Demonstration Project Program

The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) will make four awards of approximately \$700,000.00 each for the EMS for Children Network Development Demonstration Project. The aim is to demonstrate the value of a network designed to be the platform from which to conduct investigations on the efficacy of treatments, transport, and care responses including those preceding the arrival of children to hospital emergency departments. In addition, the project should overcome present difficulties in assessing efficacy and quality of care and ensure accountability in State EMSC Programs that derive from the relatively small incidence of rates of pediatric emergency events. The application deadline is April 27, 2005. Complete information is available at <http://www.grants.gov> [<http://www.grants.gov/>](http://www.grants.gov/) . Visit the site and query for Announcement Number HRSA-05-057 or CFDA Number 93.127.

7. Upcoming Events (** denotes event is newly added)

4th Global Homeland Security Conference & Expo - Protecting the Nation's Critical Infrastructure and Key Assets, Nov. 22-23, 2004, Hyatt Regency Crystal City, Arlington, VA. Information is available at <http://www.protectinfrastructure.com> [<http://www.protectinfrastructure.com/>](http://www.protectinfrastructure.com/) .

NAEMSP Annual Meeting, Jan. 13-15, 2005, Registry Resort, Naples, Fla. Information is available at <http://www.naemsp.org> [<http://www.naemsp.org/>](http://www.naemsp.org/) .

****2005 National Health Policy Conference:** Post-Election 2004, What's in Store for Health Policy, Feb. 2-3, 2005, Renaissance Washington, D.C. Hotel. Information is available at <http://www.academyhealth.org/nhpc/>.

2005 Trauma-EMS Systems Program Leadership Meeting, Feb. 2-4, 2005, Key Bridge Marriott, Arlington, Va. Information will be provided closer to the meeting date.

"Delivering Results: Improving Pregnancy & Birth," 2005 Association of Maternal and Child Health Programs Annual Conference, Feb. 19-23, 2005, Grand Hyatt Washington Hotel, Washington, D.C. Information is available at <http://www.amchp.org/conference>.

Homeland Defense Training Conference®: Medical Planning and Operations in Support of Consequence Management: "Managing the Un-thinkable in the Era of Asymmetrical Threats" - Preparing Healthcare Professionals for New Challenges in the Medical Arena, Feb. 24-25, 2005, Omni Shoreham Hotel, Washington, D.C. Information is available at http://www.marketaccess.org/event_consmgmt.asp
<http://www.marketaccess.org/event_consmgmt.asp> .

EMS Today Conference and Exposition, March 18-22, 2005, Philadelphia, Pa. Information is available at <http://www.emstodayconference.com>
<<http://www.amchp.org/conference>> .